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If a Nissan took to the Wabash rather than the Interstate,
 sloshing past trees and towns,
 yet gargling the same metronomic engine sputter.
If furious wipers must panic to float this makeshift boat.
If the whizz of wheels on wet highway wasn't enough,
 ripple-waves lapping against too-thin tin panels,
 aspirations of buoyancy.
If a car just knew the Wabash was the way to go,
 to plunge to green depths,
 headlights blinking goodbye to cruise control.
If steel kept company with new driftwood and silt.

From the milky black of Down River, a muffled horn
 bemoans this absence from I-65,
And the Nissan keeps driving.